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Arrivals.

Mch. 1, MADONE, French bk., 394, Yagorét, Saigon February 12th, 10,300 piculs Rice.—F. DEGENAER.

Mch. 1, RACEHORSE, Siam. bk., 387, Kruse, Bangkok 4th January, 9,000 piculs Rice.—CHINESE.

Mch. 1, JANE WOODBURN, Brit. bk., 299, Stephen, Saigon 2nd February, 7,000 piculs Rice.—CHINESE.

Mch. 1, TAEPING, Brit. ship, 767, Gigsing, Shanghai 26th February, Ballast.—GILMAN & Co.

Departures.

Mch. 1, EVE, for Saigon.
Mch. 1, CHINA, str., for Singapore, &c.
Mch. 1, HOOGLY, str., for Saigon, &c.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 1ST MARCH.

Deerhound, for Saigon.
Escort, for Bangkok.
Glengyle, str., for Canton.

Passengers.

By an error, the name of W. Keswick, Esq. was mentioned as a passenger to Europe by the last French Mail. Mrs. Keswick and child were passengers, but Mr. Keswick has not left Hongkong.

Reports.

The Siam bark *Racehorse* reports calm weather for the greater part of the Gulf of Siam; from Pulo Obi, moderate weather from N.N.E.

The French bark *Madone* reports left Cape St. James on the 13th February, came strait up the sea, tack, for tack with a top-gallant breeze between N.N.E. and E.N.E.; on February 20th, in lat. 12.18 N., and long. 110.26 E., (of Paris) spoke the French brig *Emile Ernestine*, Saigon hither.

The British ship *Taeping* reports strong Easterly winds quitting Shanghai, then a strong gale from N.N.W. On the 27th and 28th, more moderate; on the 1st, more moderate still, and veering N.E.

The British bark *Jane Woodburn*, reports left Cape St. James on February 5th, came right up the sea, the wind being between N.N.E. and E.N.E., being able for the most part to carry top-gallant-sails.

The Dutch brig *Twee Gebroeders* reports left Chefoo Feb. 20th, at 7 a.m., fine weather and moderate breeze from W.; passed North Rock at 9 a.m., wind from N. to N.N.E.; had moderate breeze from N. to lat. 34 N.; from thence strong breeze from N.N.W.; February 24th, passed Bane Island; had wind from N.N.W. strong to lat. 28 N., then had wind from N.E. by N., fresh breeze with thick weather and much rain; February 25th, passed Tung-ying Island; experienced heavy weather with thick fogs and much rain until February 27th; passed Lammock on 27th, and Pedra Blanca on the 28th, then light E.N.E. winds till arrival in port.

Auction Sales To-day.

None.

CHINA SEA, SAIGON AND STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Ordinary MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of March next, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts, for the election of Directors and Auditors and declaring a Dividend.

By order of the Board of Directors,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
31d 348 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1871.

CHINA SEA, SAIGON AND STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th day of March next, inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
31d 349 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1871.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. Tennent, Glasgow, and Messrs. David Corsar & Sons Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 419 Hongkong, January, 1867.

TO BE LET, or Sold by private contract, the Business Premises lately in the occupation of the Supreme Court, Queen's Road Central. The Building can be let either as it stands, or rearranged in sets of Offices, with or without dwelling rooms, as may be required.

Apply to Messrs. RAWLING, MEDLEN & Co., (over Hongkong Dispensary), where Plans for the Alteration of the premises may be seen.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
tf 336 Hongkong, 21st February, 1871.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM ON CHINESE RISKS.

ON and after the 15th instant, the Minimum Rate for Insurance against Fire, on First Class Chinese Premises in this Colony, will be *Two* per cent. per annum, instead of three per cent. as heretofore.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Secretaires, Victoria Fire Insurance Co. of Hongkong, Limited.
tf 2065 Hongkong, 14th November, 1870.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ON and after this date, Small-Pox Patients will be received at the Civil Hospital only, for immediate removal to Stone Cutters' Island.

By Command,
J. GARDINER AUSTIN,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1871. [tf 170

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF J. B. ENDICOTT, Esq.,
Deceased.

ALL persons being indebted to, or having Claims against the above Estate, are requested to communicate with
GEORGE F. HEARD,
Executor.
tf 2186 Hongkong, 16th December, 1870.

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF T. G. DONALDSON, *Deceased.*

ALL persons indebted to, or having claims against the above Estate, are requested to communicate with
RICH. F. HAWKE,
One of the Executors.
tf 2245 Hongkong, 24th December, 1870.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—5,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:—
Chairman—HON. R. ROWETT.
Deputy Chairman—T. PYKE, Esq.

E. R. Belilios, Esq.	H. B. Lemann, Esq.
George F. Heard, Esq.	Julius Menke, Esq.
George J. Helland, Esq.	S. D. Sassoon, Esq.
A. Joost, Esq.	

Managers;—
Hongkong—James Greig, Esq., Acting Chief Manager.
Shanghai—David McLean, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months' 2 per cent. per annum.
6 „ 4 „ „
12 „ 5 „ „
LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits—granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts—granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG, *Acting Chief Manager.*
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
tf 1062 Hongkong, 2nd January, 1871.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Eight per cent. per annum, say $5 per paid-up Share of $125, and $3 per Share on which $75 have been paid, is payable on and after THURSDAY, the 16th instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Acting Chief Manager.
tf 319 Hongkong, 15th February, 1871.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend at the rate of 16°/. per annum, or $6 per share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of shareholders, held yesterday, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after Thursday next, the 19th instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the Company for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
tf 111 Hongkong, 17th January, 1871.

UNION STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY OF SHANGHAI.

Debenture Loan, authorized at Meeting of Shareholders held at Shanghai on the 6th February, 1871.

APPLICATIONS for Debentures under the above Loan will be received until 15th March next, when allotment of same will be made.

Forms of application, with conditions of Debenture, can be obtained at the office of the Undersigned.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
22d 343 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1871.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

UNTIL further notice, the Company are prepared to tow Vessels to and from Whampoa, and remetal them in their Stone Docks (with Caisson gates), at

(40) FORTY CENTS PER SHEET.

By Order,
G. N. MINTO,
Secretary.
tf 663 Hongkong, 7th April, 1870.

HONGKONG RACES.

BY the kind permission of the Authorities, Mr. EDMUND R. HOLMES is enabled to announce that

THE COSMOPOLITAN REFRESHMENT PAVILION

will be erected on the site it has occupied for the past three Race Meetings, and as usual will be available to the Public, and Visitors to the Grand Stand Enclosure, who require refreshments during the Ensuing Races.

The public entrance to the Cosmopolitan Stand and Refreshment Pavilion will be on the S.W. of the Race Course.

ADMITTANCE BY TICKET ONLY,

Private Tiffin Saloons with six seats, commanding a view of the whole Race Course........	$12 for the season,
Tickets of admission to C. R. P. and Stand	$1 for the season, *not transferable.*

Tickets to be had of Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., or at the COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL, where plans of the Pavilion can be seen.

1m 215 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1871.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the undersigned with a list of Premia contributed by them during the year ended 31st October last, for the distribution of the 25 per cent. Profit reserved for the contributors to the Company.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
2m 89 Hongkong, 13th January, 1871.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 471 Hongkong, 6th March, 1868.

HONGKONG STEAM BAKERY,
Office—Opposite the Oriental Bank.

MESSRS. D. NOWROJEE & Co., established in the year 1858, beg to inform their Customers and the public generally, that they have just set up a Steam Bakery in their premises, which has enabled them to reduce their rates, without interfering with the well known superior qualities of their Articles.

They are now enabled to offer their Bread and Biscuits of the best quality at following reduced rates:—

Square, Twist, Cottage, and French loaves................	$0.07 per lb.
Soda and Cracker Biscuits, 6 lbs. tins....................	0.75 each.
12 „	1.50 „
Butter and Sweet Biscuits....	0.30 per lb.
Cabin Biscuits....................	0.07 „

NOTICE TO SHIPMASTERS.

CAPTAINS are invited to inspect the new steam machine-made Soda, Cracker, Cabin and Ship BISCUITS, at the lowest rates.

D. NOWROJEE & Co.
tf 1431 Hongkong, 2nd August, 1870.

E. R. HANDLEY,
HOUSE AND SHIP PLUMBER, COPPER SMITH,
BRASS FOUNDER AND GAS FITTER.
(LATE PATERSON & HANDLEY),
70 F, Praya West,
Next to the P. & O. Coal Stores,
tf 1081] HONGKONG. [Sept. 15

Vessels on the Berth.

FOR MANILA.

THE Spanish Steamer
"LUZON,"
Tremoja, Master, will have quick dispatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
tf 339 Hongkong, 21st February, 1871.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.

THE Steamship
"YESSO,"
Captain Ashton, will have immediate dispatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 391 Hongkong, 1st March, 1871.

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamer
"SHAFTESBURY,"
will have quick despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 382 Hongkong, 28th February, 1871.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamer
"VOLGA,"
Capt. Boubée, will be dispatched for
YOKOHAMA *(Direct)*,
shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POST FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamer
"GODAVERY,"
Capt. Lecointre, will be dispatched for
SHANGHAI *(Direct)*
shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.

FOR MELBOURNE, *via* DUNEDIN.

THE *A* 1 British Clipper-ship
"GOLDEN SEA,"
Hardy, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo and Passengers engaged, will meet with quick despatch for the above ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 379 Hongkong, 27th February, 1871.

FOR SYDNEY AND CLEVELAND BAY

THE British ship
"ONWARD,"
Captain Whyte, will have quick despatch for the above ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 346 Hongkong, 23rd February, 1871.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American ship
"HELEN MORRIS,"
will have quick despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 331 Hongkong, 17th February, 1871.

FOR SYDNEY.

THE British Ship
"NEVILLE,"
Hemsworth, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will meet with early despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 213 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1871.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

THE *A* 1 American Barque
"EDWARD JAMES,"
Patterson, Master, will have early despatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 176 Hongkong, 28th January, 1871.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE British barque
"ROMEO,"
will have quick despatch for the above port.

For Freight, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 151 Hongkong, 24th January, 1871.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE *A* 1 American Barque
"ADELIA CARLETON,"
Captain Carleton, having a large part of her Cargo engaged, will load at Whampoa for New York, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 91 Hongkong, 14th January, 1871.

EX "*SIR HARRY PARKES.*"

DESSERT SERVICES.
Dinner SERVICES.
Breakfast SERVICES.
Toilet SERVICES.
HATS.
CAFETIERES.
French BUTTER.
Plate GLASS.
Coloured GLASS.
BOOKS.
Brass BEDSTEADS.
Chubb's SAFES, with the new diagonal bolts.
Wine CORKS.
Canvas HOSE.
CHAIN.
NAILS.
THERMOMETERS.
QUOITS.
Coffee MILLS.
GLASSWARE.
Copying PRESSES.
Tube BRUSHES.
Mathematical INSTRUMENTS.
Mitchell's PENS.
Lime JUICE.
Soft SOAP.
Colza OIL.
Perforated ZINC.
Bellows' LEATHER.
Washing BLUE.
BROOMS and BRUSHES.
CARBONATE OF SODA.
Pier GLASSES.
Lead PIPE.
Silicated Carbon FILTERS.
Ice FILTERS.
EAU DE COLOGNE.
Ladies' Overland TRUNKS.
Smiths' BELLOWS.
1 Comet, 2 Comet, 3 Comet } SHERRY.
Demerara RUM.
Booth's OLD TOM.
Fockink's CURACAO.
BASS'S ALE.
Burke's GUINNESS.
Sheathing FELT.
KRUG.
AVH.
Henry's CANVAS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
1561 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1871.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, *Queen's Road,*

TO-MORROW,
the 3rd instant, at 11 A.M.,—

5 Cases TOBACCO, 5,000 Spencer's CARTRIDGES, 50 Cases VINEGAR, Bryant & May's MATCHES, Sundry OILMAN'S STORES, Hubbuck's BOILED OIL, White LEAD, White ZINC, Red LEAD, and Assorted PAINTS, 10 Casks CHAMPAGNE ALE, CLARET, PORTER, FLANNELS, Crimean SHIRTS, SOCKS, Printing PAPER, &c., &c., &c.

392 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1871.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 4th March, 1871, at 11 A.M.,
At the Godowns of Messrs. J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co., *Wanchi,*—
(For account of the concerned,)
About 3,000 Piculs ALUM.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

D. L. NORONHA & Co.,
Auctioneers.
356 Hongkong, 24th February, 1871.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

IN THE VICE ADMIRALTY COURT OF HONGKONG.
IN RE A PIRATICAL JUNK,
(Name unknown).

THE Undersigned have received instructions from CHARLES F. A. SANGSTER, Esq., Marshal of the Vice Admiralty Court of Hongkong, to sell by Public Auction, (under a decree of Appraisement and Sale), on
SATURDAY,
the 4th March, 1871, at noon,—
(on board),
A JUNK, with Mast, Sail, &c., as she now lies alongside the Police Hulk in this harbour.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.
368 Hongkong, 25th February, 1871.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction,
SATURDAY,
the 4th March, 1871, at noon,
At his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—
An Invoice of PAPER, comprising:
20 Reams superfine Printing ROYAL.
16 do. fine Cream Wove MEDIUM.
5 do. Coloured Super ROYAL.
36 Gross 2 sheet toned CARD BOARD.
50 Barrels American BEEF.
40 „ FLOUR.
30 Boxes TOBACCO.
150 „ SOAP.
30 Cases, each 4 dozen MILK.
3 „ CHOCOLATE.
5 „ MACARONI.
Hennessey's BRANDY.
Gilt CLOCKS.
RUGS, FLANNELS, Colored and White.
And,
For account of the concerned;
9 Cases Mixed BISCUITS.
14 Casks STOUT.
3 „ ALE.
And Sundry other GOODS and FURNITURE.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
389 Hongkong, 1st March, 1871.

JAPANESE WARE.

H. JURGENS & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 4th March, 1871, at 2 P.M.,
at their Sale Rooms, Praya:—
A fine collection of JAPAN WARE, consisting of large and small VASES, STANDS, CUPS and SAUCERS, BOWLS, PLATES, TEA SETS, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

388 Hongkong, 1st March, 1871.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at No. 1, Mosque Street, the residence of J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Esq., on
MONDAY,
the 6th March, 1871, at 2 P.M.,—
The HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising SOFAS, CHAIRS, Mantel-piece MIRRORS, TABLES, PICTURES, TEA POYS, WHATNOTS, Dinner and Breakfast SERVICES, BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, CHANDELIERS, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

390 Hongkong, 1st March, 1871.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co., to offer for Sale by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,
the 8th March, 1871, at 3 P.M.,—
(unless previously disposed of by private contract),
The Company's Iron Screw-Steamer
"*NORNA,*"

Register Tonnage of Ship........................	613
„ „ Engine Room, &c..........	356
Total Tonnage........	969

Draught of water when loaded, 15 feet.
Description of Engines—Direct, with Gearing.
Horse Power, 230 nominal.

The Boilers were recently fitted with a complete set of new Tubes and Tube Plates.

A complete Inventory can be seen, and particulars obtained, on application to the Auctioneer.

TERMS OF SALE.—Half cash on fall of the hammer, the balance on completion of transfer. Transfer expenses to be borne by the purchaser.

CHAS. H. MORGAN,
Auctioneer.
P. & O. S. N. Co.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1871. [37

FOR SALE.

KOWLOONG LODGE,

A PLEASANTLY situated furnished BUNGALOW, at Kowloong, about Eight minutes walk from the landing-place near the village of Mong-koh. The Bungalow has a commanding view of Hongkong, the Harbour, and the Islands to the Westward. There are 8½ acres of ground attached, with Croquet Ground, &c., and the place is held under a Lease from the Government for 75 Years, as Farm Lot No. 11. Apply to

J. M. ARMSTRONG.
tf 240 Hongkong, 7th February, 1871.

"*Japan Mail*" and "*Japan Weekly Mail.*"

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having been appointed agents for the two above-named newspapers, are prepared to receive Advertisements and Subscriptions for the same.

Terms of Subscription, payable in advance: *Japan Mail,* $15 per annum; *Japan Weekly Mail,* $24 per annum.

tf 122 Hongkong, 19th January, 1871.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

A PONY to carry a lady; must be strong, sound and quiet.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
7d 355 Hongkong, 24th February, 1871.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.
A mail will close

For Swatow, Amoy, and Shanghai.—Per *Aden,* on Saturday, the 4th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

The delivery of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Wednesday morning at 10.15, and the last messengers left the office at 10.45.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 2ND, 1871.

The Siamese vessels *Paragon* and *Comet,* which sailed from Chefoo some thirty-five days ago, immediately before a severe snow-storm came on, have not been heard of since. The barque *Young Greek,* from Bangkok, Oct. 20th, for Yokohama, is also missing.

HONGKONG RACES.

FIRST DAY.
Wednesday, 1st March, 1871.

"Glorious weather for the Races," was the first idea that found expression anywhere yesterday morning. The remark may not have had the merit of originality, and as soon as you had heard it half a dozen times in rapid succession, you began to feel that you were no longer called upon to dispute the proposition. In fact there was no use in disputing it. A bright morning, notwithstanding a somewhat "opaque" sky (that's a word we have all heard somewhere), together with a certain amount of cold in the shade, just enough to brace one up, proclaimed,—yes, proclaimed, that must be the word—who ever heard of a Racing day that was not proclaimed? Any way, every one was in good spirits, while speculation was rife as to whether *North Australian* was going to fill one's pockets or *Dervish* going to empty them; whether *Damaged Brocades* were in that desirable condition announced as "slightly damaged by sea-water," (and bought at market-prices), whether *Peradventure* we might win or *Generally* lose, whether *All Fours* was sure that he *Atout,* or three, or none at all; whether *Alchemist,* with or without *Ariel's* "gentle spriting," would turn all those sweeps to gold (an un-soot-able operation when they represent Mexicans); and finally, whether *Vertugadin* had rendered his account sales in due order. The prophets were knocking about all the morning uttering oracular speeches, which in the evening had of course all turned out true. By twelve o'clock the live stream was flowing in the direction of Wong-nei-chong, and as it became more turbulent every five minutes, before half-past twelve it was rolling along brimful. On the ground all was excitement, confusion, and costume; every one was looking for everybody else or his horse, and no one appeared to be able to find anybody, though there they all were clearly enough. However, as the sun dissipates the mists, so the sound of the bell—O yes! O yes! O yes!—startled away the confusion, and favourite points of observation became crowded with an attentive and almost silent throng. Silent until the start, but then—ah, well, you are waiting for the First Race, and that being so, of course you won't brook a further description (which is all ready if required) of the blue cotton umbrellas, and the green-topped chairs, and the dirty little boys running for five cash a start, and the Jacks, and the Toms, and the Soldiers, and the Indians, and the big fights, and the little squabbles, and the Grand Stand, and the Ladies, and the various Cups and Plates, and—and—the weighing-machine! "O most lame, and impotent conclusion." Not so, or rather in less tragic phrase, not much. That weighing-machine was neither lame nor impotent, and the shouts that burst from an admiring crowd when the winning rider was weighed showed as much. Here is the first race, a rather exciting one.

1.—THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES, for China and Manila Ponies, that have never run in Hongkong or China. Weight for inches. Entrance $5 each, with $75 from the Fund. Once round.

General and Damaged Brocades were entered for this first race, but neither of the maidens came to the scratch, and the race was off in consequence.

2.—THE WELTER, for all Ponies, and Galloways not over 13 hands 3 inches.—13 hands, 9st. 7lbs. Give or take 7lbs. for every inch under or over. Galloways, 14lbs. extra. The winner of last year's Welter to carry 10 lbs. extra. Three to run or no race. Entrance $5 each, with $100 from the Fund. One mile.

Mr. Amoy's Viceroy, 12st........................ 1
Mr. Brazig's Peradventure, 12st.............. 2
Mr. Bianco's Busy Bee, 10st 3
Mr. William's High Sheriff, 10st. 7lbs......... 0
Mr. Sarmfan's Half-Caste, 10st. 7lbs.......... 0

Half Caste went off with a fair lead, closely followed by Busy Bee, the rest all together. Shortly after passing the Stand Peradventure drew up, and passed the others, but was shortly headed by Busy Bee. Before the Black Rock, however, Viceroy had put in an appearance forward, and soon passed Busy Bee. The latter on turning into the straight fell behind Peradventure, who came in second, Viceroy winning in a canter.—Time, 2m. 9s.

3.—THE PORTUGUESE CUP.—Presented by Members of the Portuguese Community, value $, for all Horses. Weights: Arabs, 9st.; American and Colonial, 11st.; English, 12st. Entrance $10. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. St. Leger's North Australian, 11st...... 1
Mr. Hooper's Javelin, 11st...................... 0

Those who hoped to see the three champions in contest on the first day were disappointed, both Exeter and Birmingham being scratched. North Australian was held for Javelin until the straight on the last round, when of course he went in front as he liked. Time 2m. 30s.

4.—THE NORTHERN PLATE,—presented,—value $200, for China Ponies only. Weights as per Scale. Entrance $10. One-mile-and-three-quarters.

Mr. Rudolph's Skelp, 10st. 10lb............... 1
Mr. Alexander's Hamlet, 10st. 10lb., ... 2

Only the above started, though there were thirteen entries. The ponies were ridden to wait on one another for the first round, after which when the race began, Hamlet was ridden hard long before Skelp was given his head. They remained almost neck and neck to the straight, where Skelp on the inside had a slight lead. His rider, who had worked him splendidly throughout, now gave him his head, and in spite of a brilliant spurt on Hamlet's part which brought him up within a short neck at the finish, Skelp was posted winner. Time 4m. 16s.

5.—THE ROADSTERS' PLATE,—presented,—value $100; for all Horses not entered for any Cup during the Meeting, Hack Stakes excepted: Catch Weights. Entrance $5. Three Horses to start or no race. One Mile.

Mr. Tom's Sadowa,.............................. 1
Mr. Taffy's Clynderwen........................ 2
Mr. Percy's Early Purl........................... 0

Before the final start, Earl Purl and Sadowa got away brilliantly together, Clynderwen not having yet appeared. The mistake being noticed, Earl Purl was reined up a hundred yards beyond the Stand, but Sadowa bolted half way round. The latter was in splendid humour, and notwithstanding his private work of supererogation, jumped away at the true start with a lead of a clear length. He was challenged once or twice by Clynderwen, but was not to be overtaken, and won in a canter, Earl Purl, to the surprise of every one, being quite hopelessly distanced. Time, 2m. 1s.

6.—THE VALLEY STAKES, for all Manila, China, and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Entrance $5, with $75 from the Fund. Half-a-mile.

Mr. Rudolph's Skelp, 10st. 6lbs................. 1
Mr. Alexander's Hamlet, 10st. 10lb,........... 2
Mr. Sarmfan's Ariel, 10st. 10lbs................. 3
Mr. Henry's Algebra, 9st. 12lbs................. 0
Mr. William's Asti, 10st. 6lbs................... 0
Mr. Drummond's Strathallan (late Grecian Bend), 10st. 2lbs.............................. 0

This was a lively spurt, Ariel showing in front first after a very good start. Hamlet came out of the ruck towards the straight, and he in turn yielded to Skelp, who won by a length and a half, Ariel a good third, the rest close up, and Strathallan well in the rear.—Time, 1m. 4s.

7.—THE ASHLEY CUP,—presented by Mr. Sassoon,—value $200, for all China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Entrance $5. Weights as per Scale. Winner of the Northern Plate, 10 lbs. extra. One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. Rudolph's Skyte.............................. 1
Mr. St. Andrew's Atout 2
Mr. Pat's The Hermit,............................. 3
Mr. Henry's Cambala,............................. 0
Mr. Melchers' All Fours,......................... 0
Mr. Alexander's Vertugadin,..................... 0
Mr. Sarmfan's Alchemist,......................... 0

Skelp, who would have had the extra weight for the Northern Plate, was not started. Atout showed in front at the start, closely pressed by Algebra and Vertugadin. These three made the running for the first round, after which Skyte began to haul up, and in the straight came to the front, gallantly seconded by Atout about a length behind at the finish, The Hermit a good third.

THIS DAY'S PROGRAMME.

SECOND DAY.
Thursday, 2nd March, 1871.

1.—THE GERMAN CUP, value 100 Guineas, presented by the Members of the Club Germania, for China and Manila Ponies. Weights as per Scale. Entrance $10. Two miles.

2.—THE CHALLENGE CUP, value 500 Guineas, for all Horses. Entrance $10. Arabs, 9st.; Colonials, under 5 years 10st., 5 years and upwards, 10st. 4lbs.; English Horses, under 5 years, 10st. 7lbs., 5 years and upwards, 10st. 11lbs. Horses bred on the Continent or in America from Blood Stock to carry weight as English Horses. No allowance for Mares, Geldings, or Half-bred Horses. To be won two years consecutively by a Horse or Horses the *bonâ fide* Property of the same Owner. Two miles.

3.—THE STEWARDS' CUP, value $100, for all Ponies and Galloways not over 13 hands 3 inches. Weights: Indian, 10st. 7lbs.; Straits, Manila, China and Japan, under 13 hands, 9st. 7lbs., 13 hands and over, 10st. 3lbs. Winner of this year's Welter, 7lbs. extra. Entrance $5. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

4.—THE BROKERS' CUP, value $200. For all China and Manila Ponies. Weights as per scale. The Winner of any race at this Meeting to carry 7lbs. extra, and of two Races, 12lbs. Entrance $5. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

5.—THE HONGKONG CUP,—presented—value £100, for all Horses. To be handicapped by the Stewards immediately after the Race for the Stewards' Cup. Winner of the Challenge Cup of this Meeting excluded. Entrance $10. One-mile-and-a-half.

6.—THE SCURRY STAKES, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Catch Weights. Entrance $5, with $100 from the Fund. Last Pony to pay second Pony's entrance. Winner of the Valley Stakes to carry 7lbs. extra. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

7.—THE PARSEE CUP, value $200, presented by the Parsee Community, for all China and Manila Ponies. To be handicapped by the Stewards immediately after the German Cup. Non-starters in the previous races of this Meeting to carry minimum weight, namely, 12st. Entrance $10. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MARCH 1ST, EVENING.

The drug market has kept quiet and weak throughout the day. The following are the ruling prices:—New Patna, $540; New Benares, $537½, for ready cargo; against $530, and $522 respectively on time of the 2nd sales to arrive; Old Patna, $600; Old Benares, $560, on credit; Malwa, $630 cash, $535 credit.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight, 4/3¾.
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/4½.
Credits, at 6 months' sight...... 4/4½.
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight........................... 4/4½.
Bank Bills on demand, ... 4/2½.
ON NEW YORK.—
Private, 5 months' sight.........
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 227½.
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 227½.
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, 3 days' sight.................. 73½ to 74.
Bank, 15 days' sight.................. 74½.
Private, 30 days' sight.............. 74½.

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old—31 to 31½ per cent. premium.
Hongkong Bank Shares, New—23 to 23½ per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares —$1,300 per share premium.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—$2,400 per share premium.
China and Japan Marine Insurance—Tls. 77 per share premium.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$285 per share premium.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$45 to $46 per share premium.
Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$39 to $40 per share premium.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—32 per cent. discount.
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—30 per cent. prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 43 per share premium.
China Sea, Saigon, and Straits Steamship Company—par.
China and Straits Steam Navigation Company—par.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—$55 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—80 per cent. discount.
Hongkong Distillery Company—10 per cent. premium, nominal.
Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—1 per cent. premium.

SALES ON MARCH 1ST, 1871.
As reported by Chinese.

Mushrooms, 15 cases, at $32.00, by Po-cheong to travelling merchant.
Black Pepper, 50 piculs, at $12.25, by Hung-fung to travelling merchant.
Rhinoceros Horns, 30 catties, at $1,060.00, by Hung-fung to travelling merchant.
White Shirtings, No. 2, 150 pieces, at $5.00, by Hung-fung to Hongkong merchant.
Saigon Rice, 1,500 piculs, at $2.68, by Tai-fung-shing to Hongkong merchant.
White Sugar, 300 piculs, at $7.30, by Tai-fung-shing to Hongkong merchant.
Lead, 300 pigs, at $6.30, by foreign merchant to Hongkong merchant.
Grey Shirtings, 7lbs., 2,000 pieces, at $2.20, by foreign merchant to foreign merchant.
Bombay Cotton, 59 bales, at $18.25, by Parsee merchant to Yuet-loong.
White Wax, 2 pieces, at $155, by Kin-fung to Hongkong merchant.
Saigon Rice, 6,000 piculs, at $2.44, by Chue-kwong-lan to Hongkong merchant.
Singapore Rice, 4,000 piculs, at $2.35, by Chue-kwong-lan to Hongkong merchant.
Singapore Rice, 2,000 piculs, at $2.40, by Chue-kwong-lan to Hongkong merchant.

GEORGE GLASSE,
(FIVE YEARS MANAGER TO KINSFORD & Co., PICCADILLY LONDON, AND 28, PLACE VENDOME, PARIS),
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SHIPS' MEDICINE-CHESTS SUPPLIED AND REFITTED.
tf 2036 Hongkong, 3rd September, 1867.

Intimations.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE undermentioned Banks will CLOSE TO-DAY and TO-MORROW, (the 2nd and 3rd of March), at 12 o'clock.

For the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
JAS. BERWICK,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.
For the CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA,
E. ARTHUR,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
M. W. BOYD,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.
For the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, HONGKONG AGENCY,
J. POIRIER,
Acting Manager.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JAMES GREIG,
Acting Chief Manager.
For the NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA,
J. CHALMERS,
Acting Manager.
For the AGRA BANK, LIMITED,
H. HUGHES,
Manager.
4d 384 Hongkong, 28th February, 1871.

STEAM TO SWATOW, AMOY, AND SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"ADEN,"
will leave for the above places at 4 P.M. on SATURDAY, the 4th March.

W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1871. [4d 386

TENDERS for the Supply of Articles for the FOOCHOW ARSENAL, must be sent to the office of the FOOCHOW ARSENAL before the 10th of March, 1871. On and after this date no tenders will be received.

P. GIQUEL,
Director.
393 Foochow, 24th February, 1871.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Company being established, with its Head Office at Hongkong and Agencies at the several Treaty Ports of China and Japan, accepts risks and issues Policies of Insurance at the rates of Premium current at the respective places.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary.
48, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 1st March, 1871. [tf 385

A. MILLAR & CO.,
HOUSE, SHIP AND STEAMBOAT PLUMBERS,
COPPERSMITHS & BRASSFOUNDERS,
No. 1, Queen's Road East and Nullah Lane,
Opposite H.M. Naval Dock Yard.
tf 387 Hongkong, 1st March, 1871.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend, declared for the Half-year at the rate of Three per cent. per annum, will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK on and after 3rd March.

Dividend Warrants can be obtained from the Secretary, at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on and after THURSDAY, the 2nd proximo.

By order,
G. N. MINTO,
Secretary.
1m 333 Hongkong, 28th February, 1871.

IT is hereby notified with reference to the advertisement dated 21st instant, that the time for delivery of the Tenders for "Chunamming the Parade Ground of D and E Blocks, New Barracks, Revetting Slopes, &c.," has been extended to noon of WEDNESDAY, the 8th March next.

Forms of Tender and all information respecting the Contract may be obtained at the Royal Engineer's Office up to the 7th March, (Sunday excepted.)

C. K. CLEEVE,
Assistant Controller.
Controller's Office,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1871. [6d 370

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, Marked "Tenders for Scavengering, &c.," will be received by the undersigned until noon on the 6th March, 1871, for the Cleaning of the Roads, Parades, &c., at the various Cantonments in Hongkong, (Victoria, Stanley and Kowloon), and for the performance of other Scavenger's Work, for Sweeping Chimneys, Cleaning and Lighting Exterior Lamps, &c., removing Rubbish, &c., for the year from 1st April, 1871, to 31st March, 1872.

Plans, specifications, and approximate area, Forms of Tender and conditions of Contract, and any other information can be obtained at this office.

C. K. CLEEVE,
Assistant Controller.
Controller's Office,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1871. [6d 371

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1871-72.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the undersigned at or before noon on THURSDAY, the 9th proximo, from Persons desirous of supplying the following Articles for the Year 1871-72, viz.:—

Fresh Beef.	Raisins.
„ Vegetables.	Salt.
Rice.	Water.
Sugar.	Soft Bread.
Tea.	Biscuit.

Printed Forms of Tender, and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's office.

RICHARD F. HAWKE,
Naval Accountant and Acting Storekeeper.
H. M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 24th February, 1871. [11d 372

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary Annual MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 30, Queen's Road, on FRIDAY, the 10th March next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1870, and Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
12d 373 Hongkong, 25th February, 1871.

FOR SALE.

THE new and fast Sailing Cutter Yacht *Anna,* 20 Tons.

Apply at the PRAYA HOTEL.
tf 130 Hongkong, 20th January, 1871.

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH SHIP *ASSYRIAN,* FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature to the undersigned, and to take *immediate* delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.
tf 272 Hongkong, 10th February, 1871.